

Business Development Division

DOWNTOWN MOBILE FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDING



Mobile Food and Beverage Vending
(Pilot Program)

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- A pilot program to increase the vitality of downtown city streets, increase small business opportunities and affordable food choices.
- 25 Revocable Street Privileges are available.

Four Vending Zones

- Sawyer Point – Concrete area east of Purple People Bridge
- Court Street Market – South side of Court Street at Vine St heading east. This is the only zone with electric service, 110 volt/20 amps. No heat lamp or grills supported.
- Fifth and Race Public Parking Lot – North end of lot. Vendors must enter and exit using the Sixth St. gate.
- L&N Loop – Area north of Butler Street across E. Pete Rose Way
- Some vending zones may be off limits during special events.

Hours of Operation

- Sawyer Point, Fifth and Race, L&N Loop hours - 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.
- Court Street hours – 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm
- 7 days per week, First come first serve

Fees

- \$25 application fee per mobile unit
- \$1000 permit fee for mobile units
- All Fees may be non-refundable
- Vendors must be in good financial standing with the City of Cincinnati.

Program Details

- Pilot Program runs June 28, 2011 - June 27, 2012.
- Permits for Mobile Food and Beverage Vending are Revocable Street Privileges (RSP) for a term of up to one year.
- This RSP is required for each mobile unit and must be available on-site.
- This RSP gives access to all four designated Mobile Food and Beverage Vending Zones on a first-come, first-served basis as space is available.
- Mobile Food and Beverage Vendors must remain open for business at all times while located within a Mobile Food and Beverage Vending Zone.
- Vendors must place tarp or cardboard under unit to prevent staining.
- Vendors must obtain liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1 million naming the City of Cincinnati as an additional insured.

How to Get the Mobile Food & Beverage Vending Permit

- The first step is to obtain a Health Dept. license required of all food vendors. Call 513-564-1751 or email dale.grigsby@cincinnati-oh.gov. Cost is \$198.
- The second step is to contact the City's Vending Coordinator at (513) 352-4638 or vendingcoordinator@cincinnati-oh.gov to set up an appointment to go over program rules and requirements including liability insurance and financial standing.